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Title: Need to take immediate steps to repatriate the Indians trapped in Ruwais Camp near Abu Dhabi.

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM): Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Madam, yesterday the hon. External Affairs Minister had addressed the issue of Saudi Arabia. There is another issue which is very similar to that of Saudi Arabia. The Indian citizens working in Em Guard Electro Mechanical LCC Company at Abu Dhabi are trapped at Ruwais Camp situated at 300 kilometres away from Abu Dhabi. The company is not giving salary and other incentives to them for the last eight months. The company is not providing amenities and it is reluctant to give their passports. The matter was reported to the local police, labour court and even to the Indian Embassy at Abu Dhabi. But no positive action has been taken by the authorities till this date. The Indian employees, including Keralites, are living in Ruwais Camp in a pathetic condition. The company has not taken action for renewing the visa and other formalities for their stay at Abu Dhabi. The visas of most of these employees were expired due to the lapses on the part of the sponsor. The Indians are trapped at Abu Dhabi without salary and other benefits and their stay at Abu Dhabi is becoming illegal due to the inaction of the company. So this is a matter which requires immediate action for their repatriation.

Hence I urge upon the Government, especially the Ministry of External Affairs, to initiate immediate action for the repatriation of the Indians at Ruwais Camp, Abu Dhabi. Yesterday also the same action was taken by the Government. I am seeking an action in similar sense in this case also. Thank you very much, Madam.

HON. SPEAKER:

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Jose K. Mani and

Joice George are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri N.K. Premachandran.